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# The Xanadu\* Royalty Server and Payment System

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## Summary.

The Xanadu Royalty Server has been designed as a new way of selling copyrighted materials on the networks, especially World Wide Web. It is intended for convenient small purchases of arbitrary portions of text, graphics and other data. The different Xanadu royalty servers, suitably attached to the Internet, make one virtual distributed repository.

Xanadu-published materials may be virtually included in any World Wide Web document, without special permission, simply by placing the appropriate Xanadu citation (xanaddress) in the document. The purchase of the material can be carried out automatically by a client program such as Mosaic.

The sale model embodies the win-win synthesis of Xanadu publishing: all published material may be used as on-line boilerplate and clip art, but the publisher gets credit and royalty for every use.

## Biography

Ted Nelson is the founding designer of Project Xanadu, on which he has worked for over thirty years.